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In re Application of:

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For: TRANSPARENT CONDUCTIVE  
FILM FORMATION PROCESS,  
PHOTOVOLTAIC DEVICE  
PRODUCTION PROCESS,  
TRANSPARENT CONDUCTIVE  
FILM, AND PHOTOVOLTAIC  
DEVICE

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed.

Japan 5-343715

Japan 8-32094

Also enclosed is an English-language abstract for Japan 5-343715, which is believed to comply with the concise explanation of relevance, and an English-language translation for Japan 8-32094.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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